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SUBJ: LOS: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP

SEABED MINING AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: (A) STATE 193106; (B) STATE 193107

1. ON THE BASIS OF PAST PERFORMANCE WE BELIEVE GOP WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED WITH ANY UNILATERAL U.S. LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE LOS, EVEN THOUGH PROVISION MADE FOR ADJUSTMENT TO SUBSEQUENT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.

2. OF THE TWO BILLS GOP WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ONE DEALING WITH FISHERIES. ALTHOUGH PORTUGAL DOES NOT NOW FISH IN THE PROPOSED ZONE OFF THE U.S. AND HAS SUPPORTED U.S. CONSERVATION AIMS, IT WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDER THAT UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE U.S. UNDERMINES COLLECTIVE EFFORTS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC

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FISHERIES (ICNAF) AND SETS A PRECEDENT THAT COULD

BE INVOKED BY COUNTRIES BORDERING AREAS WHERE PORTUGAL  
DOES FISH.

3. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. UNILATERAL ACTION IN  
EITHER CASE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TRIGGER SIMILAR ACTION  
BY THE GOP. GOP WOULD PROBABLY WAIT TO SEE HOW  
REACTIONS BY OTHERS TO U.S. MOVE AFFECTED PORTUGAL'S  
INTERESTS.  
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